



Dileu GB News

21 Tachwedd 2023

Cais am wybodaeth.

Diolch am eich cais, a ddaeth i law ar 30 Hydref, pan wnaethoch ofyn,

I would like to request the following information:

1. Why was GB News de-platformed/removed from the Senedd?
2. Who made this decision and what political party are they affiliated with?
(There has been speculation about this in the press, but I would like to know the truth rather than rely on the press).
3. Does the Senedd have a procedure for making decisions like these, and was the procedure followed on this occasion?
4. Is there any evidence/documentation/written justification for de-platforming GB News at the Senedd?
5. What other members/employees of the Senedd were consulted on this issue? Was this a democratic decision, or the decision of one individual (based on their role)?
6. Has the Senedd ever questioned/reviewed the status of any other media coverage/TV channel/website being available in the Senedd? Specifically:
 - did the Senedd question de-platforming the BBC following its misreporting of sexual misconduct Cliff Richard's allegations? If not, why?
 - did the Senedd question de-platforming the BBC following the Russell Brand/Jonathan Ross & Andrew Sachs scandal? If not, why?
 - did the Senedd question de-platforming the BBC following evidence that BBC bosses purposely ignored/hid information regarding allegations made against Jimmy Saville? If not, why?

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- did the Senedd question de-platforming ITV following an Ofcom probe into their phone-in scandal of 2008
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- did the Senedd question de-platforming Channel 5 following the racism scandal on Celebrity Big Brother in 2007
 (https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fen.wikipedia.org%2Fwiki%2FCelebrity_Big_Brother_%26data=05%7C01%7CInformation-request%40senedd.wales%7Ccca2b96ba1d843ab59ff08dbd6b67f68%7C38dc5129340c45148a044e8ef2771564%7C0%7C0%7C638339851536322779%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoImC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ikk1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=8800%2B2cdTAPKmhTfviTB0U6pbELTrI2EZnt0iazeCy0%3D&reserved=0(British series 5) racism controversy). If not, why?
- did the Senedd question banning copies of The Guardian newspaper following it's disgusting editorial on David Cameron's late son?
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7. Can the Senedd confirm if they have EVER, made a similar decision to de-platform, or bring in to question, showing any other TV Channel, website, radio station, EVER, before the de-platforming of GB News?
8. Can the Senedd commit to making similar decisions regarding de-platforming of ALL media channels following the poor behaviour of individuals?

Gellir gweld ein hymateb isod.

1. *Why was GB News de-platformed/removed from the Senedd?*

Mae sianel newyddion GB News wedi cael ei gwahardd o system deledu fewnol y Senedd.

Isod, ceir cynnwys e-bost a anfonwyd at uwch staff Comisiwn y Senedd yn egluro'r rhesymau am hyn:

I have been following the news regarding Laurence Fox's awful comments on GB News. Totally offensive, deliberate and inappropriate on a news channel, any channel. It was also compounded by inappropriate comments from the programme's presenter.

As you will know I have been challenged previously in the Senedd on the appropriateness of GB News on our internal tv system during Commission Questions. I consider now that they should not continue to be broadcast on our system. I can no longer get up on my feet to defend it. I ask that it is immediately removed from the system and will continue to be suspended until the Commission agrees for it to be placed back on the system. I will inform the Commission of my decision at our next meeting.

Members and staff may still be able to watch GB news using other means but it will not be facilitated by the Commission internal system.

2. *Who made this decision and what political party are they affiliated with? (There has been speculation about this in the press, but I would like to know the truth rather than rely on the press).*

Y **Llywydd** wnaeth y penderfyniad.

3. *Does the Senedd have a procedure for making decisions like these, and was the procedure followed on this occasion?*

Nid oes gennym unrhyw wybodaeth wedi'i chofnodi mewn perthynas â'r rhan hon o'ch cais.

4. *Is there any evidence/documentation/written justification for de-platforming GB News at the Senedd?*

Gweler ein hymateb i gwestiwn 1 uchod.

5. *What other members/employees of the Senedd were consulted on this issue? Was this a democratic decision, or the decision of one individual (based on their role)?*

Gweler ein hymateb i gwestiwn 2 uchod.

6. *Has the Senedd ever questioned/reviewed the status of any other media coverage/TV channel/website being available in the Senedd? Specifically:*
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7. *Can the Senedd confirm if hey have EVER, made a similar decision to de-platform, or bring in to question, showing any other TV Channel, website, radio station, EVER, before the de-platforming of GB News?*

Gwnaeth Jenny Rathbone, yr Aelod o'r Senedd (AS), holi ynghylch argaeledd GB News i staff ac Aelodau o'r Senedd yn ystod *Cwestiynau i Gomisiwn y Senedd* **Cyfarfod Llawn 29/03/2023 - Senedd Cymru (senedd.cymru)**.

- 8. Can the Senedd commit to making similar decisions regarding de-platforming of ALL media channels following the poor behaviour of individuals?*

Nid oes gennym unrhyw wybodaeth wedi'i chofnodi mewn perthynas â'r rhan hon o'ch cais.

Yn gywir

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Mae eich cais wedi'i ystyried yn unol â'r egwyddorion a nodir yn y **Cod Ymarfer ar Ganiatáu i'r Cyhoedd Wedd Gwybodaeth**. Mae croeso ichi gysylltu â mi os oes gennych unrhyw gwestiynau am yr ymateb hwn. Os ydych yn teimlo bod gennych achos i gwyno, dylech ddilyn y canllawiau isod.

[A oes gennych achos i bryderu neu i gwyno ynghylch yr ymateb a gawsoch i'ch cais?](#)

Os ydych yn anfodlon ar sut y mae Senedd Cymru wedi ymdrin â'ch cais, gallwch ofyn am adolygiad mewnol cyn pen 40 diwrnod gwaith ar ôl dyddiad yr ymateb hwn. Dylid cyfeirio ceisiadau am adolygiad mewnol at y Rheolwr Rhyddid Gwybodaeth drwy ddefnyddio'r cyfeiriad e-bost a ganlyn:

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Os nad ydych yn fodlon ar ganlyniad yr adolygiad mewnol, mae'r hawl gennych i wneud cais uniongyrchol i'r Comisiynydd Gwybodaeth am benderfyniad. Gellir cysylltu â Swyddfa'r Comisiynydd Gwybodaeth yn:

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